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For: TNF BINDING LIGANDS AND ANTIBODIES) May 29, 2008

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Randolph Building, Mail Stop Amendments 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

The present communication is responsive to the official action of January 29, 2008. Claims 1 and 6 presently appear in this case. No claims have been allowed. The official action of January 29, 2008, has now been carefully studied. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully urged.

Briefly, the present invention relates to an immunoassay method for human TNF binding protein TBP-II by incubating a sample with an antibody to human TBP-II that specifically recognizes and binds the protein, and determining the level of TBP-II in the sample by the level of antibody bound